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At the request of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear), NHTSA met on July 17, 2001, with Goodyear from approximately 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Goodyear representatives included Don Vera, Larry Toops, James Whiteley, Dale Freygang, and Dennis O'Connor. NHTSA representatives included Joe Scott, George Soodoo, Jim Simmons, Arthur Carter, Steve Peirce, and Nancy Bell.

At this meeting, Goodyear discussed the variable costs for different tire attributes and ratings. Additionally, Goodyear discussed trade-offs that occur in tire construction to achieve higher levels of performance in different performance areas, e.g., traction, heat resistance, etc.